RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) As the Rules at present stand, there is no objection to giving promotion to the clerks in the Sub-Registry offices to the grades up to Rs. 30, even if they have not passed the Registration Test Examination.

(*b*) Preference is generally given to those who have passed the examination in the interests of efficiency. Unpassed men are not, however, completely excluded from getting promotions. Those who have long service and are fit for efficient work are also promoted to the higher grades.

(*c*) The Director of Registration has received representations from one or two clerks praying for the rule being literally interpreted and acted on.

(*d*) Each case is considered and decided on its own merits.

Conversion of traces into roads in Nedumangad taluk.

47. ***MR. S. J. NAIR** (*Nedumangad*) : Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing :

(*a*) the number and name of traces in Nedumangad taluk that were converted into cartable roads since six years ;

(*b*) the amount, if any, spent for converting the traces into roads ;

(*c*) the distance converted ;

(*d*) whether any allotment is made for the conversion of traces into roads in the P. W. D. Budget for 1109, in Nedumangad taluk ;

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the negative, why no allotment is sanctioned for the purpose ; and

(*f*) if the answer to part (*d*) is in the affirmative, the amount of allotment so made ?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*) : (*a*) One, *viz.*, Vamanapuram to Chittar.

(*b*) Rs. 31,305.

(*c*) 7 miles.

(*d*) Yes.

(*e*) This does not arise in view of the answer to part (*d*).

(*f*) Rs. 1,000 for improving the Karipoor trace.

MR. K. R. ELENKATH (*Kalkulam I*) : A point of order, Sir. A statement is asked for in the question and it is not placed on the table.

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That defect has been condoned.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : May I know why no statement has been furnished as required by the question?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : A question is intended to elicit information. That has been given.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*) : With regard to the statement required by me.——

DEPUTY PRESIDENT : That is not substantial in this instance.

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MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know the amounts that have been allotted to convert the traces in the Nedumangad taluk?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Rs. 1,000.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether Rs. 3,000 was allotted two years ago for the same purpose?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know why Rs. 1,000 alone is provided for the improvement of traces in the whole of Nedumangad taluk?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Want of funds.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know, what is the maximum amount allotted in any other taluk of the State for the purpose mentioned by me?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): I claim notice.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): May I know whether any additional allottment will be made in the current year's budget?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Let the amount provided in the budget be spent first.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): I wish to know whether any additional allottment is proposed to be made.

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): Not contemplated at present.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Does the member know that Nedumangad taluk is most backward in point of communication?

DEPUTY PRESIDENT: If you drop the word "most", the question will be allowed.

MR. S. J. NAIR (*Nedumangad*): Is the member aware that Nedumangad taluk is backward in point of communication?

MR. L. H. JACOB (*Ag. Chief Engineer*): It is a matter of opinion

Introduction of Arabic Chair in Colleges.

48.* MR. M. MAHOMED HANEEF (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations through the Sri Mulam Popular Assembly for the introduction of Arabic Chair in the College; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above question is in the affirmative, whether they intend taking measures for introducing the same in Government Colleges?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The matter is under consideration in connection with the recommendations of the Educational Reforms Committee.

MR. K. SANKARAN (*Kartikappalli I*): May I know whether there are a sufficient number of pupils studying Arabic in College classes as to warrant a separate Chair being established in the College?

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